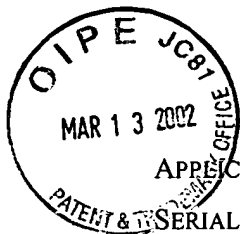


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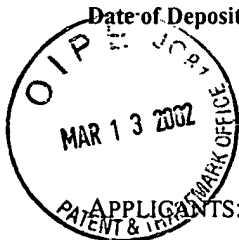
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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the attached modified Form PTO-1449, as well as copies of the listed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the mailing date of the International Search Report for PCT application PCT/US01/01838 that corresponds to the above-referenced application but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113. Accordingly, the fee of \$180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims, and signs the enclosed form PTO-1449 to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application.

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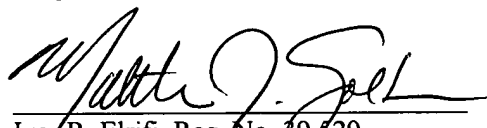
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